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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 72-1; NRC-2015-0113]**

### **GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC; GE-Hitachi Morris Operation Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment application; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviewed an application by GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, for an amendment of Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2500, which authorizes GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, to possess, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel and associated radioactive materials at the GE-Hitachi Morris Operation's (GEMO) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). The requested amendment would change section 8.2.1 of the GEMO's technical specification to ensure that annual environmental reports are submitted in accordance with regulatory requirements. The application included adequate justification for the proposed changes. The NRC has docket, approved and issued the amendment.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On December 21, 2004, the NRC renewed Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2500 for the GEMO ISFSI (ADAMS Accession No. ML043630433), located near Morris, Illinois. The renewed license authorizes GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC to possess,

store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel and associated radioactive materials at the GEMO-ISFSI for a term of 20 years. The NRC also issued an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact related to the issuance of the renewed ISFSI license on November 30, 2004 (ADAMS Accession No. ML043360409), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and in conformance with the applicable requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 51).

On June 25, 2013, GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC submitted to the NRC a request for a license amendment in accordance with § 72.56, "Application for amendment of license." The requested amendment would change section 8.2.1 of the GEMO technical specification to ensure that annual environmental reports are submitted in accordance with regulatory requirements. The application included adequate justification for the proposed changes.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 72.46, the NRC has docketed, approved and issued Amendment No. 14 to Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2500, held by GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, for the possession, transfer and storage of spent fuel at the GEMO ISFSI. Amendment No. 14 is effective as of the date of issuance.

Amendment No. 14 complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings, as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1, which are set forth in Amendment No. 14. The issuance of Amendment No. 14 satisfied the criteria specified in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11) for a categorical exclusion. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement is not required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2), the NRC has determined that Amendment No. 14 does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected. Therefore, the publication of a notice of proposed action and an

opportunity for hearing or a notice of hearing is not warranted. Notice is hereby given of the right of interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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